President's News Conference on Foreign and Domestic Matters

MR. READ to the to the total an opening statement, but I decided that what I was going to say I wanted to get a lot of attention, so I'm going to wait and leak it. So we can start with the first question.

Plight of Jobless

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Q. Mr. President, since you took of
fice a year ago, there've been — unemployment has shot up to more than
nine million people, the recession has
deepened, two Republican Congressmore proposed than the state of the state
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much more in the last six monities of the hard per greatest sympathy, I think anythe does, for those people who are unemployed. On the other hand, comparing this to the beginning of our term, there are a million people more working than there were in 1890 and there will be more people actually working, not counting the unemployed in connection with our growth. But that still isn't an answer for the unemployed, but that still isn't an answer for the unemployed.

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But the people today have a lower in-terest rate than they had when we started, instantion rate is similarly lower. The instantion rate is similarly lower. The instantion we took office.

And so, we have in—set a program that has not—and this has not been true before in any of the recessions of the past decade or so—we have in the past decade of the pas

these problems that are so bothersome fordy. First part of our tax proprint wetter into effect, that's another edit. Into the first, that's another edit. Into the first, that's another edit. Into the first part of that has been eliminated by the previous Administration in the Social Section of the first part of the first part of the first part of the first first, the elimination of the marriage penalty in taxes.

we have had, for the first time, the elimination of the marriage penalty in LASTA, as these tax rates and these reductions in at rates begin to take effect, then I'm quite sure we're going to see an upswing in the economy and that is the answer to their problem.

Now, as to the cut is nocial reforms, and the seed of the cut is nocial reforms, and the seed of the cut is recorded to the cut is nocial reforms, and the seed of the cut is nocial reforms, and the seed of the cut is nocial reforms, and the seed of the cut is nocial reforms and there will be an increase over the year before and there will be an increase in 25 over 128. We have reduced the rate of linerases in those programs but much of the cut is aimed at trying to eliminate from the rolls those people who I think are unfairly benefiting from those promote the situation of the person who is totally dependent on the Government for bein, nor 'are we going to change those thorough the Lofton-Kemp charge about the — hurting the little guy?

A. Well, I don't think we're going to.

Tax-Exempt Stance

Q. Mr. President, on Jan. 8 the Justice Department announced a decision concerning tax-exempt status for certain the property of th

to no commendation of the second that you then asked for legislation of the commendation of the commendati

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leaking and, no, because if.— I think that anyone of you could see the situation in which you are dealing on a very sensitive matter with someone and suddenly those people you're dealing with read something in the paper that enrages them, and you're put in a positivity of the property of the property

Attitude Toward Blacks

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Q. Mr. President, to follow up on sant's question. The tax exempt sense is just one of a series that some blacks are saying—series of incidents that some blacks say point to the fact that you have been series of the series of the

Status of Rickover

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Q. Mr. President, we hear reports that Admiral Rickover rented his tubes of a bit of radioactive steam the other day when he met with you in the White House. Can you tell us, sir, which was the work of the white House has been added to the him to be the White House nuclear power adviser, and whether he's rejected the Navy's offer for him to stay on beyond Jan. 31 in the transition power adviser, and in the transition of the property of th

to this nation.

Q. He has turned down the White House job, though?

A. Yes. He explained to me, and I could understand that, that that didn't sound very much like what he'd be interested in.

Yes, ma'am?

Q. Mr. President, as you know, this Congress has attached the most restrictive antiabortion language to the Health and Human Services money bill. It would ban all abortions for low-income women, except if the mother's

ifly would be endangered by completing the pregnancy and it would make you guestion to you is, and I would like to have a follow-up, if one of your daughters were unfortunate enough to be raped and become pregnant as a reaching the pregnancy to term?

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Q. May I ask you something on a related point. There, is pending in the sale of point. There is pending in the sale of the presence of the life of the whord who who will be a sale of the life of the whord who will be a sale of the life of the whord who will be a sale of the life of the whord who will be a sale of the life of the whord who will be a sale of the life of the whord who will be a sale of the life of the whord who will be a sale of the life of the whord who will be a sale of the life of the life of the whord whord who will be a sale of the life of the life of the whord who will be a life of the life of

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Q. Mr. President, why was it pecessary to dismiss Richard Allen and restricture the foreign policy operation structure the foreign policy operation. The period of t

Turnover to States

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Q. Mr. President, how concerned are you that any move you make to turn you that any move you make to turn a state of such things as welfare and educates of the like o

that had we had more leeway, more freedom, we could have give heter service to the people we were trying to help at a much lower cost.

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your program in the future.

A. I don't think they have failed. I know that a great many industries have the plans already for modernization and expansion. I think there's a little caution at work and perhaps part little caution at work and perhaps part end in the plant of the

time coming down as they have been.

And I know that the entire steel industry has a multi-billion-foldiar enmountain as a multi-billion foldiar enformed me that they are ready to go
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forward with his plan. And I thin
we're just seeing a little caution, they
want to make sure before they proceed
with them. But it's — in a number of
other industries that the plans are
there—ready to go and be implemented.

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A. Well, I can't respond to that beause the Federal Reserve system is
autonomous. The employees or the
members of that commission are term
appointees, they're not serving at anyone's pleasure. I just — there's no way
that I can comment on that.

Lie-Detector Tests

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Q. Mr. Prediedn, I'd like to g back to a question that Bill Plant seled. Its asked if you endorsed the use of lie detectors on members of the Administration to determine if they had leaked stories. Do you think the use of lie detectors to a good fee an that case? One things—to answer that, that has to be the specific case. I know in one agency in the Government right now, a major agency, there are some people voluntarily taking these because they them that the course of the control of the control of the control leak that occurred.

But all of those—I'm awaiting the

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So it gives us the opportunity to make sure that all of us are familiar with where they're going, or if we have something that we think would be additional on what they're going to talk about from their department that we can see they get that.

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cality. Are you planning to increase
your own contributions to private
charity, to set an example to the rich
poop of this country to do more for
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know whenever you speak from now
on, I'm shuttly "ip," you you give me a
Now Mary, I'll this windshing and it's
been of great concern to me.
I realize the publicity that has attended upon the tax returns of someone in my position. And I realize that see
a small percentage of deductions for
worthwhile causes — and that is true.
And I'm afraid it will be true this year
because I haven't changed my habits.
But I have, for a number of years,
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But I have, for a number of years,
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individuals that are being helped
And I'm afraid that to avoid futurequestions of this kind, maybe begining this year, I'm going to have to
individuals that I've just told you, that
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the specific case. I know in one agency in the Government right now, a major agency, there are some people voluntary agency, there are some people voluntary in the special people voluntary i

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